

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

STICK-LIKE OBJECT RECEIVING MEMBER AND BARREL PROVIDED WITH STICK-LIKE OBJECT RECEIVING MEMBER

the specification of which:
(check one)

 x (is attached hereto)
 was filed on _____,
as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ' 1.56*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, ' 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			priority claimed	
<u>2002-244279</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>23/8/2002</u>	<u>X</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ' 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, ' 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ' 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
09/678,901	01/15/2010	patented
10/123,456	03/22/2011	pending
11/987,654	05/10/2012	abandoned
12/543,210	07/01/2013	patented
13/210,987	09/18/2014	pending
14/876,543	11/05/2015	abandoned
15/432,109	12/20/2016	patented
16/109,876	02/08/2017	pending
17/765,432	04/25/2018	abandoned
18/321,098	06/12/2019	patented
19/987,654	08/30/2020	pending
20/543,210	10/17/2021	abandoned
21/109,876	12/04/2022	patented
22/765,432	01/21/2023	pending
23/321,098	03/09/2024	abandoned
24/987,654	05/26/2025	patented
25/543,210	07/13/2026	pending
26/109,876	09/01/2027	abandoned
27/765,432	10/19/2028	patented
28/321,098	12/07/2029	pending
29/987,654	01/24/2030	abandoned
30/543,210	03/12/2031	patented
31/109,876	05/01/2032	pending
32/765,432	06/19/2033	abandoned
33/321,098	08/07/2034	patented
34/987,654	09/25/2035	pending
35/543,210	11/13/2036	abandoned
36/109,876	12/31/2037	patented
37/765,432	02/18/2038	pending
38/321,098	04/06/2039	abandoned
39/987,654	05/24/2040	patented
40/543,210	07/12/2041	pending
41/109,876	08/30/2042	abandoned
42/765,432	10/18/2043	patented
43/321,098	12/06/2044	pending
44/987,654	01/23/2045	abandoned
45/543,210	03/11/2046	patented
46/109,876	05/01/2047	pending
47/765,432	06/19/2048	abandoned
48/321,098	08/07/2049	patented
49/987,654	09/25/2050	pending
50/543,210	11/13/2051	abandoned
51/109,876	12/31/2052	patented
52/765,432	02/18/2053	pending
53/321,098	04/06/2054	abandoned
54/987,654	05/24/2055	patented
55/543,210	07/12/2056	pending
56/109,876	08/30/2057	abandoned
57/765,432	10/18/2058	patented
58/321,098	12/06/2059	pending
59/987,654	01/23/2060	abandoned
60/543,210	03/11/2061	patented
61/109,876	05/01/2062	pending
62/765,432	06/19/2063	abandoned
63/321,098	08/07/2064	patented
64/987,654	09/25/2065	pending
65/543,210	11/13/2066	abandoned
66/109,876	12/31/2067	patented
67/765,432	02/18/2068	pending
68/321,098	04/06/2069	abandoned
69/987,654	05/24/2070	patented
70/543,210	07/12/2071	pending
71/109,876	08/30/2072	abandoned
72/765,432	10/18/2073	patented
73/321,098	12/06/2074	pending
74/987,654	01/23/2075	abandoned
75/543,210	03/11/2076	patented
76/109,876	05/01/2077	pending
77/765,432	06/19/2078	abandoned
78/321,098	08/07/2079	patented
79/987,654	09/25/2080	pending
80/543,210	11/13/2081	abandoned
81/109,876	12/31/2082	patented
82/765,432	02/18/2083	pending
83/321,098	04/06/2084	abandoned
84/987,654	05/24/2085	patented
85/543,210	07/12/2086	pending
86/109,876	08/30/2087	abandoned
87/765,432	10/18/2088	patented
88/321,098	12/06/2089	pending
89/987,654	01/23/2090	abandoned
90/543,210	03/11/2091	patented
91/109,876	05/01/2092	pending
92/765,432	06/19/2093	abandoned
93/321,098	08/07/2094	patented
94/987,654	09/25/2095	pending
95/543,210	11/13/2096	abandoned
96/109,876	12/31/2097	patented
97/765,432	02/18/2098	pending
98/321,098	04/06/2099	abandoned
99/987,654	05/24/2100	patented

Power of Attorney: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Sean M. McGinn, Reg. No. 34, 386, and Frederick W. Gibb, III, Reg. No. 37,629, as attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC, 8321 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 200, Vienna, Virginia 22182-3817. Telephone calls should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, PLLC at (703) 761-4100.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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(An additional sheet(s) is/are attached hereto if the present invention includes more than four inventors.)

***Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ' 1.56:**

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and (1) it establishes by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability; or (2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or (ii) asserting an argument of patentability.